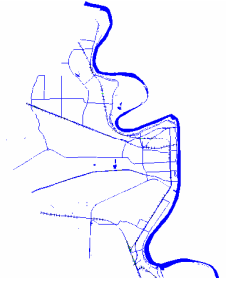


**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**



**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 8
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL**

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I. PURPOSE

ESF 8 provides public health and sanitation, emergency medical, dental and hospital services, crisis counseling and mental health services to disaster victims and workers, to supplement and support disrupted or overburdened local medical personnel and facilities and relieve personal suffering and trauma. Public Health and Sanitation refers to the services, equipment and staffing needed to protect the health and general welfare of the public from communicable diseases, contamination and epidemics; the development and monitoring of health information; inspection of food and water quality and sanitation measures; immunizations; laboratory testing; animal and vector control; inspection of public drinking water supplies and sewage treatment services. Medical care refers to emergency and resident medical and dental care; doctors, technicians, supplies, equipment, ambulance and emergency medical services, hospitals, clinics and units, planning and operation of facilities and services. Crisis Counseling and Mental Health refer to the provision of professional personnel, services and facilities essential to relieve victim trauma and mental health problems caused or aggravated by a disaster or its aftermath.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situations

1. Acadian Ambulance Service has been contracted by the parish to provide basic emergency medical services.
2. Fire Departments within West Baton Rouge provide initial response and support until Acadian Ambulance Service arrives.
3. In the event of a large-scale emergency, West Baton Rouge Parish will depend upon Acadian Ambulance Service to implement emergency medical service mutual aid agreements on behalf of West Baton Rouge Parish.
4. West Baton Rouge Parish could experience disaster conditions at any time that would require the activation of Health and Medical resources.
5. Natural occurrences that could affect West Baton Rouge Parish include hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, fires, severe thunderstorms, or any combination thereof.
6. Technological Hazards that could affect West Baton Rouge Parish include hazardous materials transportation accidents, nuclear power plant accidents, industrial accidents, terrorism and enemy attack.
7. The State Department of Health and Hospitals conducts capability assessment of medical facilities.

B. Assumptions

1. Public and private medical, health, and mortuary services resources located in the jurisdiction will be available for use during disaster situations; however, resources within the parish are very limited.

2. Large-scale emergencies and disaster threat situations may affect large areas of the jurisdiction, other parishes and large portions of the state.
3. Public and Private health and medical resources located in the jurisdiction generally will be available for use during disaster situations, but many of these resources, including human resources, will themselves be impacted by the disaster.
4. Emergency measures to protect life and health during the first 12 to 24 hours after the disaster in all likelihood will be exclusively dependent upon local area resources to include neighboring parishes.
5. Resources available through area and regional medical, health, and mortuary services mutual aid agreements will be provided for use during the disaster situation.
6. Volunteers will come forward to perform essential tasks. Their efforts must be anticipated and coordinated.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

West Baton Rouge Parish through Acadian Ambulance Service is responsible for the provisions of mobilizing and managing health and medical services and for coordinating delivery of those services to Parish residents in emergency situations.

B. Phases of Management

1. Mitigation

- a. West Baton Rouge Parish has conducted a Hazard/Vulnerability analysis on the entirety of the population to identify possible disaster scenarios.

- b. Special training has been conducted for personnel from each of the following offices: Emergency Operation Center, Acadian Ambulance Service, Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office, Municipal Police Departments, and the West Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit.

2. Preparedness

- a. Health and Medical Care Facilities keep a sufficient inventory of medical supplies, medications, and equipment.
- b. Nursing Home directors are responsible for submitting plans for resident evacuation and transportation to the HSEP Director annually for review.
- c. A health and medical officer and relief have been assigned to direct and coordinate emergency medical operations during times of disasters.

3. Response

- a. The Acadian Ambulance Service will establish an emergency command post at the disaster site, with recommendation from the Incident Commander.
- b. In the instance of a mass fatalities incident the Emergency Operation Center shall contact the Parish Coroner's Office and brief on current status. If deemed necessary by the coroner mortuary services shall be expanded using all jurisdictional assets available and mutual aid if necessary.
- c. Health and Medical Response team efforts will be coordinated through the Emergency Operation Center, Health and Medical Officer.

- d. Medical Care and transportation of the injured shall be coordinated by all involved agencies through the Health and Medical Officer (Acadian Ambulance Service).
- e. Nursing Homes and other health care facilities shall upon contact by the Health and Medical Officer prepare for a possible evacuation by reducing the patient population and continuing care for those that cannot be evacuated.

4. Recovery

Recovery operations will be coordinated through the Health and Medical Officer in the Emergency Operation Center.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Emergency Operations Staff

1. Parish President

Assumes responsibility for all Health and Medical tasks.

2. HSEP Director

- a. Manages the Emergency Operation Center, oversees its activation, and ensures it is staffed to support all health/medical operations.
- b. Coordinates with the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, other public service non-profit organizations, and personnel to perform health/medical functions.
- c. Coordinates volunteer support efforts to include the activities of volunteers from outside the jurisdiction and the assistance offered by unorganized volunteer and neighborhood groups within the

jurisdiction toward health/medical operations.

- d. Works with the Public Information Officer to develop information provided to the public on health/medical and public safety topics.
- e. Coordinates the provision of health/medical needs for personnel performing medical duties during emergencies.
- f. Coordinates the development and updating of emergency plans for home health agencies and nursing homes, including transportation and other community support requirements.

3. Sheriff and Municipal Police

- a. Responsible for providing security at designated shelters.
- b. Provides traffic control during evacuee movement to mass care facilities.
- c. Provide alternate communication between shelters and the Emergency Operation Center.
- d. Coordinates planning and mitigation activities with Home Health Care Agencies and Nursing Homes.
- e. Coordinates with other agencies to provide transportation, communications, administrative supplies, and supporting manpower.

4. 911 Communications Operator

Responsible for continuous 24 hour coverage of the Parish Emergency Operations Center, monitoring all communications and support notification of the Emergency Operation Center

Staff, Emergency Operation Center personnel and other agencies as directed in the event health/medical activities are required.

5. Public Information Officer

Makes public announcements about the status of emergency medical services provided and risks the general population faces due to the incident.

6. School Services Officer

Responsible for making School Board resources available.

7. Health & Medical Officer

a. Coordinates the use of Health and Medical resources and personnel involved in providing medical assistance to emergency medical facilities.

b. Assists facilities that provide care for special needs population to include assisting in an evacuation and assisting in care if not able to evacuate.

c. The Health and Medical Officer shall provide for emergency resource management and acquisition of needed equipment and supplies.

d. Responsible for coordinating and obtaining transportation resources (not ambulances) to ensure movement of the injured into Emergency Medical Facilities upon request of the Health and Medical Office.

e. The Health and Medical Officer along with the HSEP Director shall determine the personnel resources necessary to properly mitigate the emergency. Upon such conclusion augment the necessary health/medical personnel (nurses' aids,

paramedics, American Red Cross personnel, and other trained volunteers)

- f. In the event that the State Medical Officer declares inoculation necessary, the Health and Medical Office will disperse emergency workers to sites in order to provide this service to the general public.
- g. Health and sanitation instructions will be given by the Health and Medical officer and distributed to the public by the Emergency Operation Center using any and/or all communications equipment available.
- h. The Health and Medical Officer shall contact all jurisdictional facilities and mutual aid facilities that are capable of being expanded into emergency treatment centers for disaster victims.
- i. Responsible for obtaining emergency medical support and hospital care during and after an emergency.
- j. Responsible for the tracking of the injured in a disaster.
- k. Provides Health/Medical services at reception and shelter congregate care facilities.
- l. Provides for the establishment and operation of an emergency medical care center for essential workers in the hazardous area following the evacuation of the general population.
- m. Coordinate with the Office of Public Health on environmental health activities regarding waste disposal, refuse, food and water supplies and mosquito/vermin control.

- n. Coordinate with the Office of Public Health and Red Cross to provide crisis counseling for emergency workers

8. Fire Service Officer

- a. Assist Health and Medical Officer
- b. Coordinate the Fire Service Medical Response and Mutual Aid Medical Resources.

9. American Red Cross

- a. The American Red Cross shall establish crisis counseling for Emergency workers and victims.
- b. The American Red Cross shall make provisions for the feeding of emergency workers, emergency medical facilities, and the general population where necessary.
- c. Upon request of the Health and Medical Officer shall provide personnel where needed to support mitigation of the incident.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. All health/medical activities shall be coordinated through the Health and Medical Officer in the Emergency Operation Center.
- B. Emergency Medical Care Facility Managers will be responsible for the operation of their facilities to include maintaining sufficient inventory of medical supplies, medications and equipment

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNEMENT

Lines of succession for each department head are made in accordance with standard operating procedures established by each department.

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Records and Reports

All Emergency Operation Center Staff are responsible for keeping an accurate log of all activities and communications that take place in their capacity.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND EXECUTION

- A. The HSEP Director has the responsibility for coordinating revision of this annex, keeping attachments current.
- B. Directors of supporting agencies bear the responsibility of maintaining internal plans, implementing procedures and resource data to ensure effective response to an emergency.
- C. All other agencies given responsibility in this plan, in coordination with the HSEP are responsible for maintenance of their respective annexes or appendices.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

- A. Authorities (See Basic Plan)
- B. References

Guide for All Hazard Emergency Operations Planning,
(SLG) 101, 1996, Federal Emergency Management
Agency

Appendices

- (1) Organization Chart
- (2) Responsibility Chart
- (3) Parish Health and Medical Resources (on file in EOC)
- (4) Municipal Health and Medical Resources (on file in EOC)
- (5) Hospitals in Parish (List and give licensed bed capacity and emergency bed capacity.) (on file in EOC)
- (6) Nursing Homes in Parish (List and give licensed bed capacity and emergency bed capacity.) (on file in EOC)
- (7) Medical augmentees (List by specialty) (on file in EOC)
- (8) Medical transportation resources in parish (on file in EOC)
- (9) Special needs shelters (List and give capacity) (on file in EOC)

- (10) Mass Fatalities Plan
- (11) Mental Health resources in parish (on file in EOC)